

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Serial No.: 09/762,126
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Applicant(s): Michihiro Nagaishi, et al.
Art Unit: 2176
Examiner: James H. Blackwell
Confirmation No.: 1392

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.1141. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously Submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the response/reply under 37 CFR §116 previously filed on
(Any un-entered response referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Response E
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of three (3) months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other:
- c. ☐ Calculation of additional fee for enclosed response.

Claims Remaining After Response	Highest # Previously Paid For	# Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims: 21-	22	0	\$50.00	\$
Independent Claims: 9-	6	3	\$200.00	\$ 600.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			\$360.00	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$ 600.00

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.: 19-2746.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) \$790.00
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17) (if required) of \$. for a month(s) extension of time.
 - ☐ An extension of time for month(s) has already been secured and paid for; accordingly, the above fee is for an additional month(s) extension of time.
 - iii. ☐ Fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Suspension of action under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months \$130.00
 - iv. ☐ Additional Fee for Response \$
 - v. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of enclosed
- c. ☒ If any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this RCE or any enclosure, please consider this a request therefor together with authorization to charge Deposit Account No.: 19-2746 for the additional fee(s) due.

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Respectfully submitted,

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